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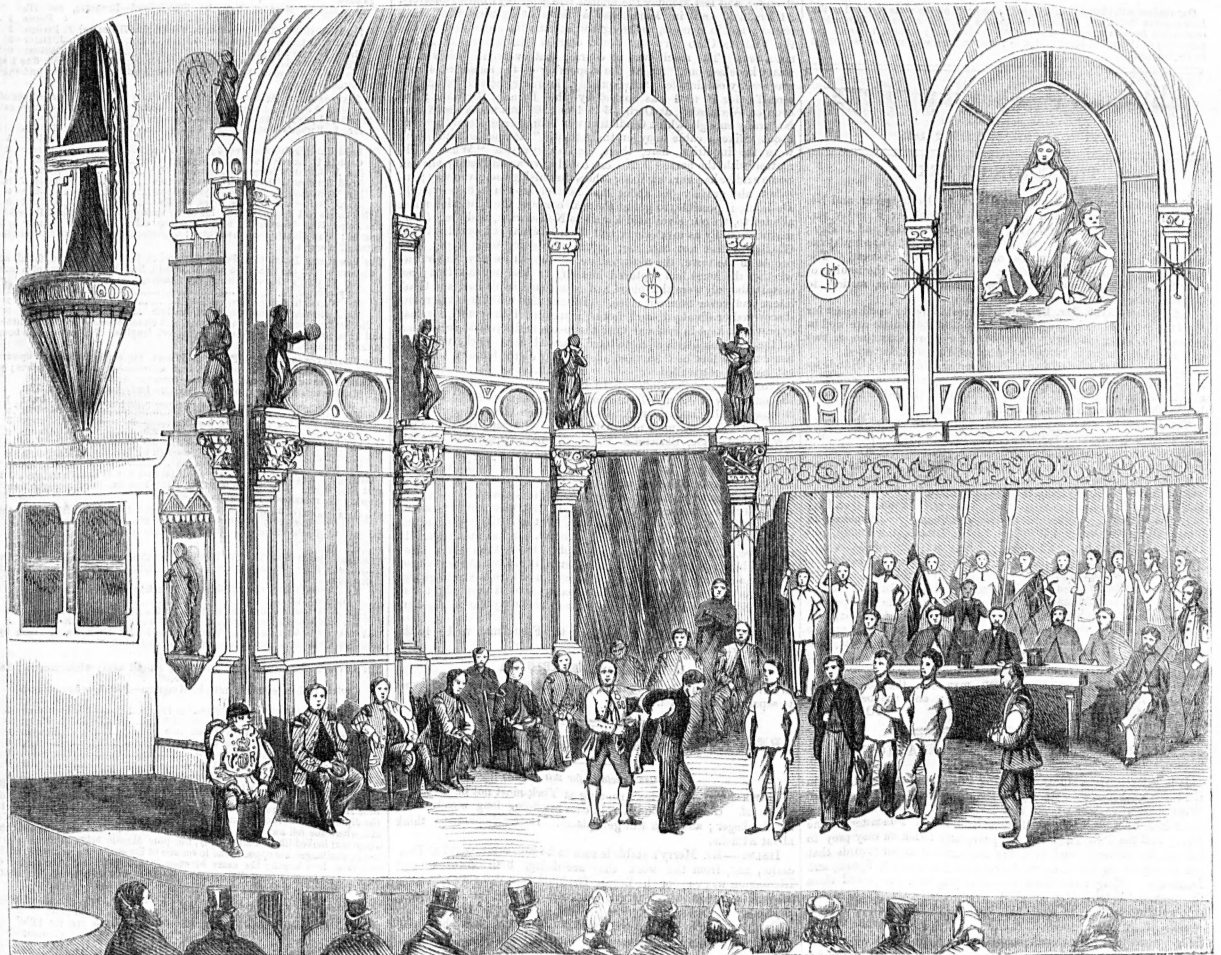
TROTTING.

SMITH AND TYLER.—£5 is now staked in the hands of Mr. W. Price on behalf of the trotting match between these ponies, and another £5 a side has to be staked on Sept. 16. Mr. Smith's pony gives one minute start in five miles, on a fair turnpike road, on Sept. 19.

FAIR MAID OF DESMARK AND IRON DUKE.—The trotting match of two miles between these cracks for £11 a side has resulted in a forfeit on the part of the owner of Iron Duke.

MR. BASFORD, of High-street, Birdesley, Birmingham, will match his chestnut pony against Mr. Parson's hog-mailed pony to trot two miles (in harness) on a fair turnpike road, for £5, £10, or his own run, a side. The match can be made at Mr. Froggall's, the Old Guy, Digbeth.

MR. R. SMITH, of Birmingham, has made a match with Mr. Pearman, for £50 a side, to trot his black mare, Lady Clyde, against a bay mare (late the property of Mr. Green) two miles, the owners to ride, and to take place on the Stourbridge Racecourse, Sept. 19.



PRESENTATION OF A COAT AND BADGE TO W. J. KING, AT THE STRAND MUSIC HALL, ON FRIDAY LAST.

and Bunker put on a well intended spurt, but it proved abortive, so he again fell off, and steering rather wildly, finished the first mile nearly

two and a half length last; 6 to 1 on Chambers. Although two and a half miles were still to be covered, all interest gradually began to simmer down, so having detailed the exciting portion of the race, we cannot do better than observe that Chambers little by little widened the gap, and passed the Meadows House four lengths ahead. Stim, never dislodged, still kept up the strain, and it was eventually decided, after a fine exhibition of pluck and rowing, by five lengths, in 24 min 18 sec. Mr. Wallace was referee. Harry Clasper stood umpire for Stim and James Percy for Chambers. The two latter made a collection for Stim, who deserved considerably more than the subscription amounted to. In this race, as in all former cases, our vaticination proved perfectly correct.

TALKIN TARN REGATTA.

This aquatic gala, which is vested with importance by Tyne oarsmen, came off on Thursday and Friday, the 24th and 25th inst., the racing on both days being of great interest to a considerable assemblage of individuals, who in the present as on former occasions, took express from the various places west of Newcastle. The Tarn is a splendid sheet of water, most suitable for boat-rowing; the scenery around is in all respects beautiful, added to which the healthsome atmosphere invigorates the system, whilst the fun, whether from the wrestling, running or rowing serves as food for merriment, and the *tout ensemble* as a matter of course forms the subject of favourable comment. The regulations were such that the contending boats pull round a buoy opposite the Boat House and from thence to starting post at the North East end of the lake, each boat to row round its own buoy, and back to starting end, no boats being allowed to follow any of the races. There were of course a variety of booths for the wholesale sale of all sorts of good things, and it may be supposed that the country lads and lasses kept the glasses passing to the merry tunes of the Brampton Volunteer band, which discoursed fair music during both afternoons. The whole of the arrangements were exceedingly good, and we understand that the committee intend to offer higher prizes next year, doubtless to the view of attracting oarsmen from distant places either North or South of the Tyne. On Thursday the regatta commenced with—

The Naworth Castle Plate, skiff race. First, £8; second, £3; third, £1; one mile and a distance. Heat 1: Star, Teasdale Wilson beat Tyne, Robert Clasper. Clasper, who is a mere chicken, was left behind at once, and Teasdale won easily. Heat 2: Pilot, James Taylor, first; James Wilkinson, J. H. Clasper, second; Deedbound, George Strong, third. Contrary to expectation, Johnny was conquered by Taylor, who has wonderfully improved during late. Taylor, as it was, got off with a good advantage. A splendid match now ensued, Taylor, in the long run, winning by little more than one length; he was much cheered. Strong only made a sorry business of it, and there were several lengths in the rear of both. Heat 3: Princess Alexandra, R. Cooper, first; Frisky, W. Taylor, second; Why Not, James H. Clasper, third. Cooper, of course, had it all his own way, and won by a number of lengths. The race between the other two was a good one, one length dividing them at the finish. Final heat: R. Cooper, first; J. Taylor, second; Teasdale Wilson, third. Cooper won by half a dozen lengths, whilst Teasdale was 70 yards or more in the rear of both.

The Milton Hall Plate, open skiff handicap, value £6. For this prize there were 23 entries, the men being handicapped according to merit. We have not room to detail the whole number of boats, therefore we will confine ourselves to the final, which lay between Teasdale Wilson, James Taylor, and George Strong. This was a capital race, Taylor made play, and took both his opponents by nearly half a length. The match home was a severe one, and won by Taylor by only a few yards, Strong third.

FRIDAY, August 25th.—The attendance to-day was much larger than that of yesterday, a great number of Newcastle sporting men being present. The Corby Castle Cup, £5; second, £2; third, £1 skiff race, winner of Naworth Castle Plate departed. Heat 1: Pilot, James Taylor, red buoy, 1st; Deedbound, George Strong, white buoy, 2nd; Start, Teasdale Wilson, 3rd, yellow buoy. A good race, and only won by little more than one length. Heat 2: James Wilkinson, John H. Clasper, 1st; Rannet, James Percy, 2nd; Frisky, W. Taylor, 3rd; Tyne, R. Clasper, 4th; good contest between first three. Percy seemed to have it all his own way until near the finish, when little Jack let out, and won by six yards. Final heat: J. H. Clasper, 1st; James Percy, 2nd; James Taylor, 3rd; George Strong, 4th; won by 13 lengths; Taylor and Strong were considerably in the rear. The Patterdale Hall Plate, £2 10s. for first; second, £1; third, 10s.; open skiffs, handicapped; sixteen entries, divided into four trial heats. In the final (Patterdale Hall), eight lengths start: Teasdale Wilson, scratch; John H. Clasper and J. Percy, four lengths, were left in for first money. They went in in the following order—J. Percy, 1st; James H. Clasper, 2nd; and Wilson, 4th. Percy pulled a grand oar, and so passed Hall and Bright. The T.T.A.R.O. Travellers' Plate, open skiff race, open to members of the T.T.A.R.O. only. First, a silver goblet; second, silver cup. The Rithman, Alex. H. Biddell, red buoy, 1st; Heather Bell, Peter Armstrong, white buoy, 2nd; Quen Mab, J. J. Lee, blue buoy, 3rd. A close race from first to last.

Swimming match, first £2; second £2; third £1. The programme said that the distance be half a mile, but it is just to say that it fell much short of the course announced. There were five entries: Mr. William Walker, swimming master, Newcastle, was handicapper. The first prize was won by Thomas Page, Newcastle, scratch; J. Smith, Newcastle, 20 seconds start; J. Peverly, 25 seconds; 3rd, T. Nicholson, Hallam, 30 seconds. The latter soon gave up. Page won easily. H. White, 30 seconds, was also entered, but he was too late in appearing. Afterwards Mr. Walker gave a grand performance also which met with the greatest possible success.

The above were all the aquatic matches. The following, however, is a summary of the various athletic contests which came off on both days.—For wrestling, men not to exceed 14st, £20. Final round, M. Lee, Cockerton, 1st; J. Stokes, Hayden Bridge, 2nd. Other games followed, but do not require detailing. The gathering was a successful one in all respects.

SHOREHAM REGATTA.

(From our own Reporter.)

This twelfth annual aquatic event came off on Monday last on the ocean opposite this town, under favourable weather and excellent patronage. The umpires were Captain Glazebrook and Dr. Fuller; judge, W. May, Esq.; clerk, Mr. W. Stone; commodore, Capt. Griggs; treasurer, Mr. Padmore; and secretary, Mr. J. Miller. The courses were between the Dolphin Inn and crabs off the harbour. The first match was for

Sailing boats, not over 15ft; first award, £1 10s.; second, 15s.; third, 7s. 6d. Six started.

C. Maw, Mary, Brighton 1
R. Wood, Lurline, Brighton 2
H. Maple, Pick, Shoreham 3

Two-oared crofts and sitters, under 18ft; first prize, £3; second, £1 10s.; third, 10s. Three started.

Harker, Gorilla, Brighton 1
J. Fairley, Dollins, Brighton 2
R. Miller, Petri, Shoreham 3

Sailing boats, under 18ft; first prize, £2; second, £1 10s.; third, 10s. Seven started.

R. Spencer, Seadrift, Shoreham 1
C. Maw, Mary, Brighton 2
O. Ryan, Dream, Bognor 3

Four-oared galleys, under 30ft (for amateurs only); first prize, £5; second, £2; third, £1; given in gold scarf pins.

J. E. Beaton, Nil Desperandum, Southampton 1
J. Hunt, Lizzie, Lewes 2
Shoreham boulder boats, under 22ft; first prize, £2 10s.; second, 10s.

Two-oared crofts (2 rowers) under 14ft; Prizes, £1 10s, 15s., 7s. 6d. and 5s. Six started.

F. Nells, Dark Girl, Shoreham 1
W. Grigg, Attempt, Shoreham 2
T. Stow, Cleopatra, Shoreham 3

Amateur pair scull contest, for those not winners of any public trophy, in 18ft. boats; first award, cup, value £2; second, £1; third, 10s. Seven started.

Harker, Confederate, Shoreham 1
C. Nunn, We shouldn't have thought it, Brighton 2
O. W. Hudson, R.O.P., Brighton 3

This concluded the contests at a late hour, and a gala in the S.W. Gardens "our day out."

LAMBEY UNITED ROWING CLUB.

The members of this club rowed their second four-oared race of the season on Monday afternoon, over the course between Putney and Barnes, the first crew receiving five tankards, the second gold rings, and the third silver cups. The Volunteers accompanied the race with a numerous and respectable company on board the B. Bain off-shoot as umpire. The following were the crews and the result, stations counting from the Surrey side:—

Station 2: A. Copeland, G. Martin, W. Roberts, Frank Kibby (stroke); W. Innes (cox.) (Yellow) 1

Station 1: T. Cunn, B. Sternbeck, B. Perry, J. Dudley (stroke); F. Cress (cox.) (White) 2

Station 3: G. Carlo, W. Dudley, W. Sternbeck, H. Brown (stroke); H. Pick (cox.) (Blue) 3

Station 1: J. Cunn, H. Levett, G. Williams, James Taylor (stroke); G. Chapman (cox.) (Red) 4

Red was the first off at starting, but was soon passed by Yellow and Blue, the two latter rowing a fine race for the lead to Simon's, where Yellow drew half a length in front, Red going on third.

White last. At the Bishop's Creek the Red crew began to overhaul the leaders, and drew over the stern of the Yellow boat at the Willows, but Innes bored them into the shore, and gave them the full benefit of his wash, which stopped them again, and being too close to each other, Blue and Red fouled, which enabled White to take second position. After the collision, Yellow went on with a lead of several lengths, White second, Red clear of Blue, and in this order they passed under Hammersmith Bridge, Blue again drawing over the stern of Red. In Conroy Reach the water was rather lumpy, and White rapidly gained upon Yellow, but Red, answering gamely to the repeated calls of his coxswain, held the lead to the finish, and won a very hard rowed race by barely a clear length, two lengths between second and third; Blue, who had outrowed Red at Chiswick Ait, finishing third, six lengths in advance of the latter.

The race was very fast throughout, the time being 21 min 40 sec, on a very bad tide.

J. BOYD AND SMITH SCORFIELD OR £50.

This match goes on well.

£50 a side must be staked this (Saturday) evening at the hostelry of Mrs. Boyd, Commercial Inn, Waterloo, Blyth. We saw Boyd on Monday, when he appeared in good health. He has taken up his quarters with his old trainer, John H. Clasper, at Durham, where he will train for a fortnight longer; after that time he will put up at Mrs. Pot's, Ridley Arms, Cambria. Scorfild, we hear, will be required by Bob Cooper, of Heston, so it will be seen that mischief is meant on both sides. Boyd will probably pull about 100 stones, Scorfild will only reach 90 stones. Much excitement already is manifested in Blyth, and it is every way likely that Scorfild will have the betting in his favour up to the day of the race, which will be on the 23rd inst. The match will assuredly be a tough one as their abilities seem to be well balanced.

TESTIMONIAL TO ROBERT COOPER, OF REDLEUGH.

The friends of this great oarsman are using active means to raise something substantial to present to him as a solace for his unlucky defeat at King's Lynn. The project we consider is a sensible one, and we hope very much that it will turn out advantageously. Cooper is a wonderful sculler, and perhaps he effected such a coup on the O.C. as has not been experienced for ages. From the lists, which are freely circulated, we copy the following, and we are sure that donations from our London and country aquatics, sent to any Newcastle sporting house will be at once acknowledged.—Testimonial to Robert Cooper, for his straightforward and manly conduct as a competitor for the Championship at the late King's Lynn Regatta. The objection of the referee in this contest calls forth censure on that functionary who, in that fair and impartial manner naturally expected in a man placed in such a responsible position. We therefore, subscribe to this testimonial, as a stimulus to Cooper, and to encourage him in retrieving the laurels so fairly won by him and unjustly awarded to another."

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MR. THOMAS PAGE, CHAMPION SWIMMER OF THE NORTH.

£1 15s.; third, 15s.; fourth, 10s.; fifth, 7s.; sixth, 5s. Eight started.

T. Hopkins, Teaser, Shoreham won
I. Herbert, Lily, Shoreham 2
Orman, Hope, Shoreham 3

J. Parsons, Wild Dayrell, Shoreham 4
O. Lind, Mary Ann, Shoreham 5
H. Maple, Pick, Shoreham 6

Pair scull craft, under 18ft; first award, silver cup, valued at £6; second, £2 10s.; third, £1. Four started.

F. Griggs, Little Wonder, Shoreham 1
G. Harker, Confederate, Shoreham 2
G. Heather, Queensbury, Brighton 3

Yachts, not over eight tons: Railway Company's Cup, value £11, first; second award, £4; third, £2. Four started.

Captain Boskey, Nikoni, Shoreham 1
O. Maw, Pick, Brighton 2
R. Miller, Octoron, Shoreham 3

Four-oared galleys, under 30ft (in boats); first prize, £12; second, £5; third, £2. Three started.

W. Mason, Happy Return, Brighton 1
J. Fairley Ann, Brighton 2
Hunt, Lizzie, Lewes 3

Sculler match; first prize, £1; second, 10s.; third, 5s. Four started.

S. Maple, Dark Girl, Shoreham 1
W. Nell, Attempt, Shoreham 2
T. Stow, Cleopatra, Shoreham 3

Sailing boats, under 21ft; first prize, solid silver mug, value £5 10s.; second, £2 10s.; third, £1. Seven started.

R. Spencer, Seadrift, Shoreham 1
S. Maple, Dark Girl, Shoreham 2
W. H. Dean, Florence, Shoreham 3

ANGLING.

By "PISCATOR" (Late of the *Sporting Gazette*)."We hold communion with sweet nature's self
In plying our dear craft."

In continuing a few practical observations to the young angler, I return again to the subject of baits, in the quality and quantity of which lies the great secret of the student's success. Paste scented with musk is much in request for carp, and, as is well known, attracts roach most effectually. I am acquainted with a very clever fisherman who meets with very indifferent success invariably, when trying in the O. S., unless he has recourse to the latter inducement to tickle the olfactory of the prey, or submit a luscious offering to his taste, as the case may be; for great diversity of opinion exists as to whether fish possess the sense of smell at all. It may not be improbable that they find the water which is impregnated by scent more agreeable as they approach the bait, until at last perceiving that the delicious flavour emanates from that source, they greedily take it—it is, very apparent, however, that worms just taken from a foul dung-heap are very killing, and a friend who was fishing for tench with some abstracted from that compound, took over sixty fish from a pond; whilst a brother in the art, who was angling in the same swim, did not succeed in taking one, fishing with brandlings that had been some days in moss—perhaps the ammonia contained in the dung was the attraction in this instance.

If a difference exists as to fish possessing the sense of smell, the hypothesis relative to them being capable of hearing is also very unsatisfactory, and open to grave doubt. It is well-known that trout and other species may be observed lurking under banks, and will submit to an inspection without evincing alarm, but should you stamp upon their covert they will dart out and fly in all directions. This panic may, however, be caused by the vibration of the earth, and hence the sense of feeling is called into requisition, not that of hearing. Again, if you observe a fish in the middle of the river, with his nose down stream, and throw in a small pebble some distance up current, and where he has no chance of seeing it, he will instantly dart round and make for the spot in anticipation of finding something whereon to satisfy his hunger. It is an open question whether he heard the substance fall into the water, or felt the motion of it, perhaps imparted to the fish in a mode bordering upon electricity.

A common flower-pot with a cork to stop up the orifice at the bottom, is as good as anything to keep your worms in, when scouring; for being porous it preserves them cooler than one of metal; and I would recommend your live-bait kettle, instead of being japanned or of a dark colour, to be painted simply white; for the same reason that is applicable to the garden pot, that it keeps them much cooler; it should also be tolerably large, and special care should be taken to change the water frequently, as a precaution for keeping the baits fresh. The fisherman should also ever be provided with split shots, large and small, spare hooks already tied on, a disgorging bag containing moss for worms, a few float caps, and landing net, which latter article should be made of brown material to render it as unobtrusive as possible to the fish, for frequently when he sees it extended towards him, he summons every lateral energy, and despair

giving him extraordinary power at such a moment, he oftentimes succeeds in breaking the tackle when you are already congratulating yourself upon a successful catch. Your basket or bag should be sufficiently large to contain all your tackle, baits, &c., and also some provisions, if you are going into a locality where such refreshments are unobtainable, and if you add an extra pair of boots to your stock, possibly they may be found useful. Use invariably dark or grey habiliments, for fish are very shy, and distinguish easily light apparel. Always overhaul your kit previous to a day's fishing, and do not burden yourself with too much useless tackle, as it not only incommodes you, but does not look sportsmanlike. You may quickly find out the best baits to use, and what the fish are feeding upon, by cutting one open, and investigating the contents of his stomach, and be careful to take advantage of any shelter the situation affords, as, being naturally sus-

picious and timid, the enemy takes alarm at slight causes, and it is difficult to re-establish his confidence; but as it is alone necessary to obtain a view of your float, you can readily stand some distance from the bank. Fish, if possible, with the sun to your back, and when making a cast do not allow your line to touch the water. A quick eye and active hand are alike indispensable, more especially when trying for roach, dace, gudgeon, and such like fine feeding species.

If you are put fishing, a party of two will be quite sufficient; if there are more, not only are they in each other's way, but the boat being low occasions a rush of water underneath, and at the sides, by no means desirable, and again, in leaning forward to strike, the extra weight has a tendency to disturb the water and frighten the fish. This applies particularly to roach fishing.

Although fishermen are generally an enthusiastic race, it is useless to rush heedlessly into danger, either by sitting upon damp grass, or by remaining out in rough weather without sufficient protection. Should the aspirant make a practice of so neglecting necessary precautions, he will most assuredly secure, if not his fish, at least that complaint to which all fishermen's flesh is heir to—viz., rheumatism.

Preserve unruined your equanimity, and, after losing a good fish, instead of giving way to pardonable ill temper, calmly prepare to replace the lost tackle in a sportsmanlike manner, and always keep in your kit some fine silk, cobbler's wax, and bee's wax, and india-rubber, to strengthen the gut, if requisite.

A civil and obliging demeanour is ever the best, especially with young fishermen. Avoid undue interference with any other piscator you may chance to come across in your excursions, nor be too ready to criticise his tackle and mode of performing upon the finny tribe. As a body, anglers are proverbially courteous and obliging, ever willing to afford assistance or instruction to the tyro seeking the one or desirous of the latter. It is, in fact, an amiable and friendly occupation altogether.

I trust that the reader may learn a little from the brief hints I have given in the last two articles, and I meditate shortly giving some information upon the various stations upon the Thames, where he may reduce these theories to practice, touching upon the fish which are to be found at each, and the best mode to adopt in taking them.

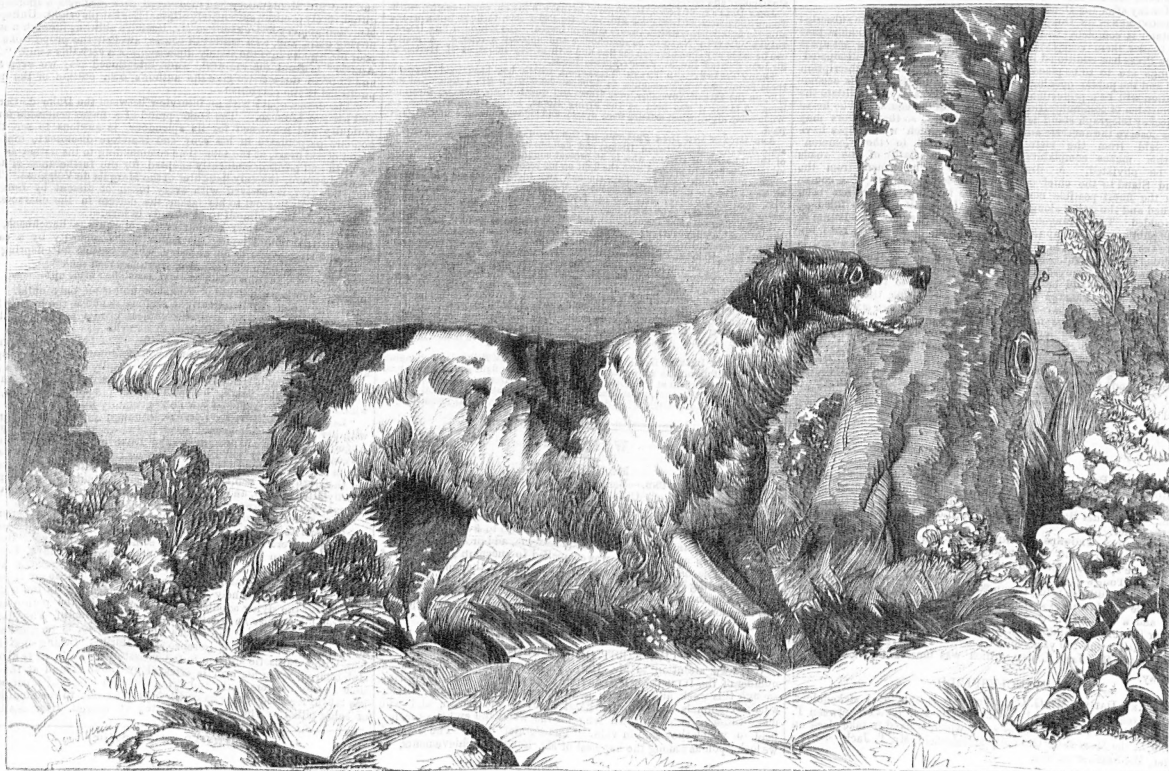
LEEDS AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ANGLING MATCH.—After a long and arduous struggle which has continued for several years, the Leeds and North Yorkshire Angling Society has at last shown itself in a tangible and satisfactory condition. On Thursday evening a large number of the prizes intended for the match were exhibited to a large number of persons at Mr. Riding's, the Marquis Inn, Woodhouse, Leeds.

MR. THOMAS PAPE.

Thomas Pape, Champion Swimmer of the North, whose age is twenty-one years, has long enjoyed the proud position as premier in the science of natation in Tyne-side. As a swimmer, either for ornamental or swift swimming, he has but few equals; while his affable nature and willingness has entitled him to enjoy the confidence of the public community. Mr. Pape is son of Messrs. Pape and Son, the famous gun makers of Collingwood-street, and moves in a respectable sphere of life. In 1860, the phenomenon, as he is termed, made his first public effort, when he



JOHN CALLIS, WINNER OF THE THAMES SUBSCRIPTION COAT AND BADGE, 1865.

THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER—THE SETTER.
(Drawn by Ben Herring, Esq.)

won the first prize of a book of bath tickets, given by Mr. James Grant at the Northumberland Baths. The same year he also won a beautiful gold breast-pin, given by the same gentleman. In 1861 he contested at the North Shields Gala, and carried off the first prize, consisting of a silver medal, for ornamental swimming. The following year won a silver medal, Star and Dolphin, given by Mr. William Walker. 1863: Won gold medal, given by Mr. James Hall Baird; also won a gold ring, given by the Newcastle Swimming Club. Same year won another gold ring, given by the club. Won a silver Leander medal, given by Mr. W. Walker; won a gold medal and captaincy of the N.S.C.; won first-class prize at South Shields Swimming Gala; also first-class prize at Durham. Last year he won gold medal and captaincy of the club, and carried off the best prizes at both Shields and Durham. Pape is strictly an amateur, but it will be seen that his repeated victories are of considerable promise. He is captain of the N.S.C., and at the present time is open to meet anyone in a friendly competition in Tyneside. Pape is a spritely, muscular, well-formed young man, and possesses every essential to constitute a champion swimmer.

A. SKETCHLEY'S BIOGRAPHY.

By Mrs. Brown.

If you was to put me on my oath as the sayin is I couldn't tell you no more than I've heard say about Mr. Scratchley as is a party I don't altogether hold with not as I've anything to say as to his parents as may have been hardworking people tho' not of Jewish persuasion to look at him as hasn't got that fine shrew eyes; tho' I have heard say by them as knows him as he's very different to what he looks, as some says as he were formerly a pirate at the wheel, and got a ticket for to leave as I don't wonder at for I'm sure it's bad enough for to be at sea without them pirates, as well I remembers one the Red Rover to Margate as was a boat to roll frightful and run us aground in Woolwich Gardens and I'm sure any body might rob me at sea and pitch me overboard arter, but as to that Mr. Scratchley a speakin about me I only scorns his words but nevertheless wouldn't stoop to deface his character neither before his face nor behind his back as I hear often to be seen in Fleet-street along of a gang as is his companions; and we all knows tell me your company and I'll tell you what you are as the sayin is, but that's all as I knows about it tho' being one as minds my own business as it would be as well as if others did the same not as I means any thing agin anyone tho' there is no knowing what parties may take into their heads, tho' I will say as Mr. Scratchley is a party as if I had to speak to as to character I could say nothing agin and would scorn the action as have seen him myself, and is certainly grewed up tho' never heard him breathe a whisper as to where he come from, but knows as he have been in Yorkshire as any one could tell as knows French thro' him being mistook for a foreigner. Often as I know'd a party myself as was supposed half casio thro' having of a black wet nose as will often happen, as I heard tell of a little girl as regular growed a woolly head of hair tho' being so much with them Malays as her own aunt told me thro' keepin a lodging house for them foreigners. Not as you'd take Mr. Scratchley for a Malay tho' them parties is that deceptive as you don't hardly know them for I'm sure there's a party in the name of Woodin as is wonderful for to change his self just for all the world like a Ethiopian as lived in our streets who'd walk out on a Sunday a

lily for whiteness but any time as you should want to know anything about Mr. Scratchley I should be happy for to speak as far as I knows and not alone by hearsay as is the way with some and don't do them no credit in my opinion and as for entertainments I don't hold with them specially among them Egyptians as goes on horrid I'm told as didn't ought to be allowed no more they wouldn't be if I had my mind and if ever I should see that Mr. Scratchley again he'll get a bit of my mind and I don't care who he is or what he is; not tho' as I believe it I have heard say as he is a twin brother of a party as did wonderful tricks, not as altogether natural for it's seldom as there is any two things alike in nature.

So that's all I knows no more at present from yours,
MARTHA BROWN.



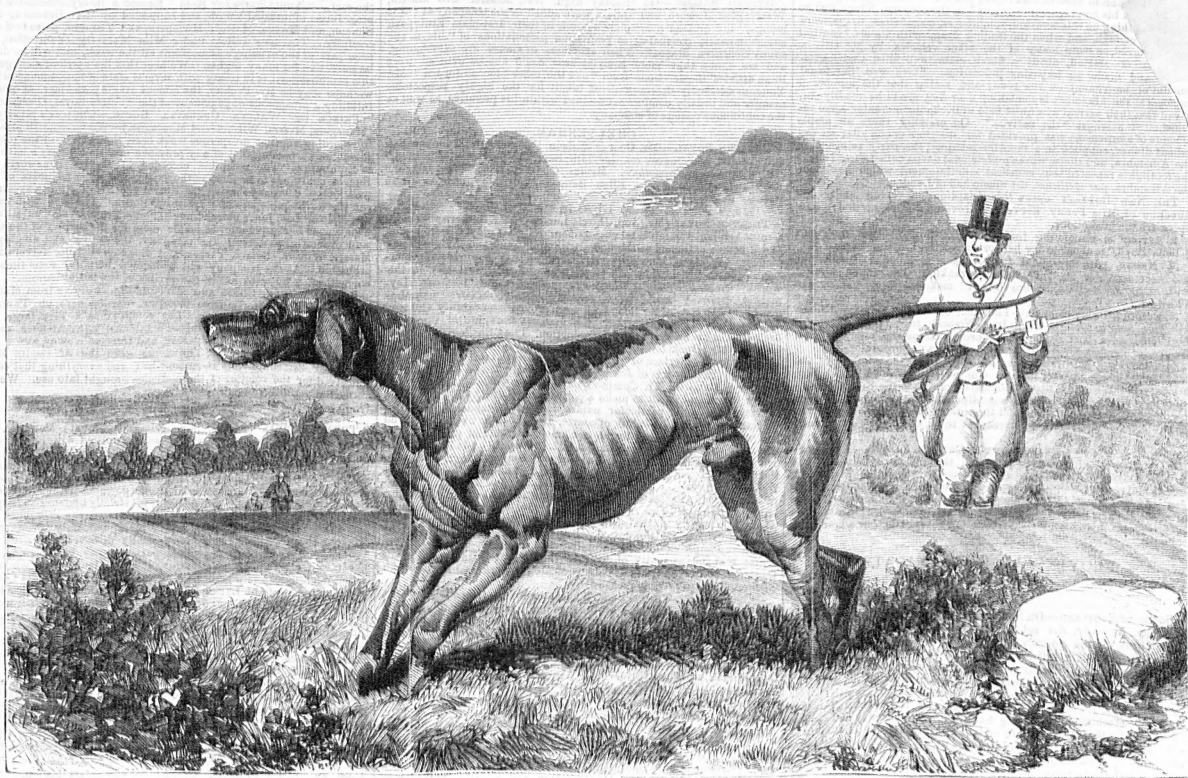
MR. ARTHUR SKETCHLEY, THE WELL-KNOWN ENTERTAINER.

[In presenting the readers of the ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS with a portrait of the gentleman who now so worthily fills the place of the late Albert Smith at the Egyptian Hall with his famous entertainment, "Paris," and "Mrs. Brown at the Play," we were induced to enlist the services of Martha in order that we might be enabled to present a brilliant and accurate biographical sketch as an accompaniment to our engraving. We have been favoured with the above effusion, from which the public will glean many interesting details of the birth, parentage, education, and career of the gentleman who nightly excites so much mirth in Piccadilly. We could have wished that Mrs. Brown had been a little less particular in giving dates, and it would have been more satisfactory to us had she also gossiped in her own peculiar fashion on the vicissitudes in Mr. Sketchley's career rather than she should have confined herself so rigidly to those hard facts which could have been gleaned by us from that interesting publication, "Mon of the Day." We do not like to be harsh in reviewing the production of a lady or we should be inclined to say that her sketch is emphatically encyclopaedic. What we expected was a light, half critical, half instructive column on Mr. Sketchley's works; his appearance as a successful dramatist at the St. James's Theatre, his subsequent debut as an entertainer, and his great triumph at the Egyptian Hall, where his "Paris" enchants crowds of fashionable people during nine months in the year, and where his anecdotes of the authors of the foregoing Biography, create incessant merriment. But Mrs. Brown has elected to give us a work in the vein of Carlyle's "Friedrich the Great," with the addition of overwhelming dates and figures, and so we must be content. —[Ed. I. S. N.]

HALIFAX AND CALDER VALE AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

This society opened this year's exhibition on Friday with the dog show. Although the entries amounted to 254, many of the animals were only of mediocre class. The attendance on Friday was large, yet for numbers of visitors it was nothing in comparison to what it was on Saturday in point of numbers. Although several good animals were shown from Leeds, some of whom have carried prizes from other dog shows, not one was awarded to Leeds, yet several of them were highly commended, amongst others Mr. T. Heath's handsome small long-haired terrier Trip. The exhibition took place in the riding-school adjoining to the show yard.

The following is the prize list:—
Mount Saint Bernards, 1st, T. Helliwell, Todmorden; 2nd, J. C. Westley, Dudley.
Mastiffs, 1st, James Cater, Bradford; 2nd, John Maude, West Vale, Newfoundlands.
1st, William Walker, Leeds; 2nd, John A. Phillips, Pontefract. Sheep dogs, 1st, Thomas Ellis, Leeds; 2nd, William Oliver, Halifax.
Bull and terriers, 1st, William Parker, Bradford; 2nd, James Hinks, Birmingham; extra prize, John Robinson, Bradford; Scotch terriers, 1st (silver cup), Jonathan Holt, Huddersfield; 2nd, Peter Eden, Salford; Skye terriers, 1st, Miss Edwards, Halifax; 2nd, Thomas C. Eastwood, Bradford. Black and tan terriers, 1st, Samuel Handley, Pendleton; 2nd, Francis J. Haigh; extra prize, William Gamon, Chester. Toy terriers, 1st, Alfred Rushworth, Huddersfield; 2nd, Henry Robinson, Halifax; extra prize, Abraham Armytage, Rastrick. Pugs, 1st, James Hinks; 2nd, Wm. Smith, Halifax. Any other distinct breed, 1st, senior Pinto Letto, Manchester; 2nd, James Hinks.



THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER—THE POINTER.

(Drawn by Ben Herring, E. q.)

THEATRE ROYAL. (Leeson). Mr. Edmund Glover; Manager, Mr. Charles G. Houghton. — The winter season opened with rare *elclat* on the 21st ult. Mr. Fechter making his *debut* on that evening before a Glasgow audience. The play was "The Merchant of Venice." It was a grand success. Mr. Fechter's remarkable histrionic powers. Of his impersonation of Ruy Blas, the poor and deluded, yet strictly honourable lacquey, it is impossible to speak too highly. Fastid. never was more convincingly represented. The Prince's part was also excellently done. His interpositions with the Princess especially disclosed the effects of a genius; — but throughout the whole part, as may be imagined, Mr. Fechter's entire attention, of the audience, upon whom his acting made so great an impression. The other parts were well done by Mr. and Mrs. Ryder, of the Lyceum Theatre, were secured to support Mr. Fechter, the trio of artists affording the Glasgowians a rare treat in their storied acting. Miss Leocadia and Mr. Ryder suffered some natural infirmities, but they were not allowed to show any signs of being conversant with their parts. With Mr. Ryder we were much pleased, his ease and grace, rapid, but faultless, and easily appreciable delivery, and especially his by-play, which was excellent, naturally conduced to the effect of the smoothness of the piece. Miss Charlotte Leocadia, too, was dignified, and well adapted to her part. Neither has she the power to delineate truthfully the pitting, wistful tones in which the Princess returns the mad passion of Ruy Blas. Her ability also is quite unequal to the final tableau, in which a great deal of her idea of an intriguing, chambermaid Miss Leocadia gave us a better idea of an intriguing, chambermaid Miss Leocadia secret. As of a Princess, if the other character is almost un-

less to speak, since the talented trio, whose merits we have discussed, stand apart from the rest, which is not the case in the picture. "If the Cup Bells," and "The Pretty Horsebreaker," have been played in connection with "Ruy Blas," "Ruy Blas" being played for seven nights, gave place on Tuesday evening last to "Hankle," Mr. Fechter's assumption of which shall require our attention, inasmuch as the exorbitant rate of the prices of admission, the theatre has been excellently filled every evening. Some disappointment, however, seems to have been not unreasonably felt at "Ruy Blas" occupying more than one half of Mr. Fechter's engagement, which extends to twelve nights only. While fully appreciating the value and interest attaching to the engagement, it was scarcely to be expected that the *habitus* of the theatre would be contented with one or two assumptions only, from Mr. Fechter's varied repertoire of parts. The re-opening of the theatre has introduced a number of recent novelties. The prominent members of the former company, however—namely, Messrs. Lloyd, Fitzroy, and Kendall, and Misses King, Wood, Golor, and Mrs. Parker, still retaining their posts. The most promising of the accessories is a Mr. Fletcher, from the Theatre Royal, Brighton, whose light comedy seems to be pretty fair, and has already procured him the good graces of the audience. The auditorium has undergone some renovations during the recess, although the beautiful finish and stability of the house are likely to set anything like "extensive alterations" at defiance for years to come. We must admit some room for improvement in a few of the commoner scenes on the stage, and would point out to the management the desirability of some change in this department. Some scenes, which do interminable duty, we have noticed considerably worse for wear, and by no means a credit to a theatre employing clever scenic artists. Enamelled and painted scenery, such as the "Sons of Sothorn and Miss Bateman." Scenery for the production of Mr. Boucicault's "Arrah-na-Pogue" is in course of preparation, and we are promised a visit from the Italian Opera Company, from Her Majesty's Theatre.

(The Editor of the "Illustrated Sporting News.")

Glasgow, Aug. 26, 1865.
Sir,—The somewhat aggressive tone of a letter which appeared in your impression of Saturday last, relating to a former criticism of mine, obliges me unwillingly to tender a reply. I say unwillingly, because I do not consider that the protest referred to has any right to any attention beyond the notice which it has already received. Its general and certainly impolite remarks avoid explanation and challenge none, and call therefore for nothing but contempt.

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NEW ADRIATIC THEATRE.—This week, the drama entitled "It's Better Late than Never," which has drawn good houses, is to be repeated. Other entertainments were also furnished in the course of the week. This evening, Mr. T. Meade, an actor who has become very popular here, will appear on the stage.

ROYAL COLISEUM.—The proprietor of this establishment issued a programme of the customary varied order. It included the pieces "The Confederate's Daughter; or, the Tyrant of New Orleans," "The Happy Day of My Life," and "Turning the Tables." Dwight's Maryland Minstrels are engaged for a brief period, and made their first appearance on Monday evening. Professor Wheeler's "Fairy Fountain" was also exhibited during the week.

MACOLLEFIELD.

PARK TAVERN CONCERT HALL.—This popular and attractive place of amusement has been opened by the present proprietor, Mr. J. Horsfall, for the purpose of affording to the inhabitants of Macollesfield and surrounding neighbourhood the use of useful, instructive, and charming music which tends so beneficially to elevate the mind and relax the body from the cares and toil of business and ordinary day life. The hall has been extensively enlarged, beautifully ornamented, and decorated; the paintings are the productions of the best artists in the province, and the great taste and artistic design of the fittings are magnificent—everything has been studied to suit the taste and meet the approbation of the most fastidious, and no expense has been spared by the proprietor in his endeavour to make this one of the most popular, attractive, and handsome music halls anywhere out of the metropolis. Amongst the list of talented artists engaged at this establishment will be found the names of several well-known local celebrities, who, along with their fellow artists, will nightly endeavour to elicit that approbation which has always been so plentifully bestowed on Mr. Holt's efforts. The instrumentalists are Mr. D. Clark, pianist and professor of music, and Mr. J. Davies, the celebrated violinist. The singers are composed of Mr. Moss (operatic), Mr. E. Jones (sentimental), Mr. Bancroft (tenor), Young Mr. Guinness (an interesting sea-song), and Young Northing (the Irish delineator), the clearest youth of his age in the province. On Saturday night last the hall was crowded to excess, and some hundreds were unable to gain admittance. Everything went on first class; the music and singing elicited much applause. We sincerely hope the lovers of music in this neighbourhood will be able to liberally patronise the worthy and enterprising proprietor (Mr. Horsfall) their patronage, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his endeavour to introduce into the good old town first-class talent, and we heartily wish him every success.

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SWANSEA.

THEATRE ROYAL.—This theatre has been open during the week for the performance of English opera. The company is under the management of Mr. H. Melville, and comprises the following artists: Mlle. Enrichetta Alessandri (prima donna); Miss Lucy Leffler, Miss E. Hudson, Miss Brunt, Miss Nelly Leung, Miss E. Miller, Mr. W. Parkinson, Mr. J. Tompkins, Mr. J. Manley, Mr. W. Lawler, Mr. E. Muller, Mr. W. Gould, Mr. A. Marshall, Mr. J. Hoagins, Mr. Henry Rowland, and full band and chorus. Mr. Sydney Naylor being the conductor. Upon the opening night, Monday, Gounod's romantic opera of "Faust" was produced, and to give due effect to the scenery the oxy-hydrogen light was used, which had a very brilliant and pretty appearance, more especially the ascension of the spirit of Marguerite borne by the angels. The attendance was very good, the pit and boxes being literally crammed. We were, upon the whole, pleased with the performance of the opera, especially the singing of the soloists, for they were both loud and frequent in their applause. Mr. Parkinson as Faust sang sweetly and acted spiritedly, the last of which is a virtue not often to be found in English tenors. Mr. Henry Rowland played the demon Mephistopheles exceedingly well. He has a splendid baritone voice, but was evidently suffering from hoarseness upon the present occasion. Mr. John Manley was a creditable Valentin and Mr. Melville a worthy Wagner. Miss Alessandri as Marguerite is worthy of all praise both for her singing and acting. Her voice is rather harsh, but she manages it so skillfully that the defect is not perceptible to any but the most practised ears. Miss Lucy Leffler made a pretty Sibyl. The choruses, although rather deficient in bass voices, were creditably sung. The opera was well mounted and dressed. It was announced for repetition every evening during the week.

WAKEFIELD.

ROYAL ALHAMBRA.—Miss Jenny Wharton, a racy character singer; the famous troupe of acrobats, Messrs. Day and Haynor, dorkies, Henri coloured comic duettists; and Mr. and Mrs. Summerson, duettists, are Mr. Webster's company.

CRICKET.

* The Editor will feel obliged to Secretaries of Clubs for the earliest intimation of New Pictures, Recent Meetings, and Professional Engagements.

UNITED SOUTH OF ENGLAND AND SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.

This match, which was played on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, ended in a draw, there not being time to play it out. Pooley was the crack bat of the United, having defended his wicket upwards of four hours, and eventually carried it off for 82. He received not only an ovation, but a tip from the English funds. Score:—

UNITED SOUTH OF ENGLAND.		SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.	
	1st Inn.		2nd Inn.
T. Humphrey b Shaw	6	run out	22
H. Jupp b Shaw	5	b Straight	19
E. Pooley b Silecock	5	not out	82
W. Wright b Silecock	5	b Silecock	0
G. Griffiths b Silecock	4	b Hand	0
J. Cesar c Goodchild b Silecock	0	b Hunt	20
John Lillywhite c Shaw b Silecock	8	b Shaw	3
James Lillywhite run out	2	b Dyke b Silecock	0
E. Lockyer b Silecock	2	b Hunt	0
T. Bagley, Esq. b Shaw	21	run out	0
T. Sewell not out	7	c Wiseman b Shaw	12
W b 3	3	W 2, b 1, b 4	15
Total	101	Total	189

UNITED SOUTH OF ENGLAND.		SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION.	
	1st Inn.		2nd Inn.
Rev. L. Cockerell c Cesar b Lillywhite	33	c Pooley b Mortlock	8
W. Foreman c Humphrey b Lillywhite	3	b Mortlock	15
W. Wright b Silecock	0	b Lillywhite	7
D. Straight b Lillywhite	3	b Mortlock	0
F. Handley b J. Lillywhite	1	b Mortlock	0
W. Pooley b W. b Mortlock	4	c Lillywhite by Mortlock	1
W. Wright b Silecock	0	b Mortlock	10
W. Church b Lillywhite	0	b Mortlock	10
F. Silecock b Sewell	28	not out	1
G. Hoath b Mortlock	1		
A. Shaw c Silecock b Mortlock	1	c Lockyer b Lillywhite	5
A. Hunt c Jupp b Lillywhite	13	b Lillywhite	20
J. Goodchild b Sewell	10	c Pooley b Lillywhite	0
Sergeant-Major Buckland b Lillywhite	8		
W. Gladwin c Lockyer b Sewell	2	not out	6
L. Gilchrist b Mortlock	9		
W. Silecock c Griffiths b Lillywhite	0	c Lockyer b Mortlock	0
J. Hunt c Jupp b Lillywhite	0		
W. Johnson c Jupp b Mortlock	0		
F. Cayton c Lillywhite b Mortlock	0	c and b Mortlock	0
G. Dyke b Lillywhite	7	b Mortlock	0
J. Allen b Lillywhite	1		
J. Wiseman c Sewell b Lillywhite	13		
W b 2, 1 b 1	3	W b 2	2
Total	143	Total	143

ELEVEN GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND v. SEVENTEEN OF
THE REST OF EUROPE Aug. 16, 17, and 18.

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ENGLAND.

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1st inn.		2nd inn.	
A. Russell & Ludlan	2	3 Bulkeley & Greenfield	1
A. Taffel & Robert	1	6 Paxton & Ludlan	3
J. Round & Place & Collyer	15	6 Paxton & Ludlan	3
S. C. Voulas & Greenfield	10	6 Tennant & Greenfield	18
E. B. Platts & Barnett & Greenfield	7	not out	17
E. B. Platts & Barnett & Greenfield	7	not out	17
C. D. Bell & Greenfield	1	run out	1
P. F. Law & Barnett & Greenfield	2	6 Paxton & Greenfield	2
P. F. Law & Barnett & Greenfield	2	6 Paxton & Greenfield	2
R. Wigram & Collyer	2	6 Greenfield	4
J. L. Fattison & Greenfield	0	6 Harper & Greenfield	0
B 9, w 1	10	B 7, w 1	10

Total

Total.....	57	Total.....	74
EUROPE.			
1st inn.		2nd inn.	
A. E. Bateman & Voules, b Round ...	3	run out.....	3
W. J. Collyer run out.....	17	b Voules.....	1
S. Harner b Round.....	1	c J. L. Pattison b.....	1

TABLE 1

	Wigram	
H. N. Tennant's Infelix.....	2	c J. L. Pattison b Round
F. C. Greenfield's b Round.....	6	c J. L. Pattison b Voulas
N. Lubbock's c and b Round.....	1	a Voulas b Round.....
J. W. Duncan's c and b Round.....	1	b Wigram.....
C. Canby's c Voulas b Round.....	0	b Wigram.....
W. Boucherier's b Round.....	0	b Round.....
T. B. Mooriyan's s Voulas b Round	0	b Wigram.....
Capt. Barnett's c Fano b Infelix	1	b w, b Voulas.....
C. Fraxton b Round.....	1	c J. L. Pattison b Wigram
W. W. Lumsden's c and b Round.....	0	b Wigram.....
R. B. Place b Round.....	3	c Fano b Wigram.....
G. Bulkeley's c and b Round.....	5	not out.....
Lord Hillsborough's J. L. Pattison		
b Round.....	0	b Wigram.....
J. R. Barlow not out.....	2	run out.....
B. L. w b b.....	1	b B, s w b.....
Total.....	47	Total.....

England won by 35 runs.

following is the score of the return match :—

A. Infelix b Collyer	1	E. B. Fane b Collyer.....	1
P. F. Law c Harper b Green.....	1	K. Wigram b Paxton.....	1
Field	0	W. Pattison run out.....	2
A. L. Gallas b Greenfield.....	12	J. L. Pattison b Paxton	2
O. L. Bell b Greenfield.....	15	B 11, w b 10.....	2
J. Round c Bateman b Greenfield.....	7	Total	19
E. G. Youles not out.....	87		
E. Russell Roberts b w, b.....	28		
Tonnant	28		

EUROPE.		2nd inn.
	1st inn.	
H. N. Tennant b infelix	16	b Infelix
J. R. Barlow run out	0	b Infelix
W. L. Gribble b infelix	0	b Infelix
W. J. Collyer c Voulcs b Infelix	0	b Round
A. E. Bateman c Wigran b Voulcs	3	b Round
F. C. Greenfield b Voulcs	1	b Infelix
S. Harper b Infelix	0	b Infelix
B. Barnes b Infelix	1	run out
W. Boorchier b Infelix	1	b Infelix
R. P. Place b Voulcs	4	b Round
L. Luskam b Infelix	0	b Infelix
W. Downes b Infelix	0	b Infelix
C. Canby c L. L. Pattison b Voulcs	0	c Pano b Round
D. Paxton b Voulcs	0	b Round
T. B. Mourlymout not out	1	b Round
G. Ball b Voulcs	1	b Round
Lord Hill b Round	0	c Bell b Round
B 2, 1 b 2, w b 1	5	B 4, 1 b 1, w b 1, b b

Total.....	56	Total.....	8
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England proved victorious in one innings by 51 runs. The bowling of Mr. Infelix was very effective.

ILLUSTRATED SPORTING NEWS CRICKET SCORE SHEETS.—The greatest novelty in cricket scoring now to be had direct from the office of this journal. The next PENNY ILLUSTRATED SCORE SHEET contains the requisite form for recording a match, and is embellished with two large portraits of eminent cricketers. Twelve score sheets are sent direct from the office, none free, on receipt of twelve stamps.

CRICKET FIXTURES FOR 1950.
SEPTEMBER.

2-At Blackheath, Aldersgate Club v Blackheath, Montpellier
3-At Hackney, Aldersgate Club (second eleven) v Charlton-hill
4-At Birkenshaw, United All England Eleven v Twenty-two of Birkenshaw
5-At Carlisle, the All England Eleven v Twenty-two of District
6-At The Nido, Tottenham, Tottenham & District v Tottenham
7-At Tewin Water, near Welwyn, Wimbledon Club v Tewin Water
8-At Holloway, Islington Albion Club v Kingsbury
9-At Mullington, Plumstead Club v West Ham (return)
7-At St. Mary Gray, Aldersgate Club v Claydon
9-At Peckham, East Surrey Club v Richmond (second eleven)
9-At Elton and Milton Club v Victoria United (return)
9-At Hackney, Aldersgate Club v West Ham (return)
9-At Tufnell Park, Holford Club v Victoria United (return)
9-At Beaufort, North London Club v Tottenham Hotspur
14-At Gravesend, Gravesend and Milton Club v Clontarf Mitch
16-At Hackney, Aldersgate Club v Tottenham Hotspur
18-At Wimbledon, Wimbledon Club v Wimbledon Spencer Club
23-At Loris, Holford Club v Albany (return)

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NURR AND SPEEL.

HORROCKS AND FARRAH.—On Saturday about 1,000 persons were present at the Cardigan Arms, Leeds, to witness a nurr and spell match between W. Horrocks, of Gildersome, and Abram Farrar, of Barmley. The latter took the first thirty, and the former the next thirty. Both players had speculated on the ground, both men being favourites in different parts of the ground. In consequence of Farrar becoming the decided favourite at long odds, a few parties who had invested some small sums on Horrocks, began to be uneasy, thinking it was a cross, and that they would not recover in expressing their opinion, and the crowd then had pitched five shillings each, during which Farrak took the lead, sending a eight, nine, six, eight, and a nine, making a total of 40, and Horrocks sending an eight, ten, six, eight, and a five, total 38; the discontents at this point arose they were now convinced that it was a cross, and appealed to Mr. J. Jubb, the stakeholder and referee, who told them it was a cross it was unknown to him, for he was in possession of £40 which had been deposited with him, and he wished it to be fully understood by all present that he never had been, or ever would be a party to a cross, and it ever he was to become aware of a cross match being made he should expose it to the public, and he stated as such robbery was a crime, and that he had half-a-dozen of those who were dissatisfied set to work and demolished all the books and stopped the game. After hearing both sides Mr. Jubb said he saw no other way but for them to resume the game, where they left off, but as they could not play it out that night they might agree to some future day, and if they did not do so he should take the money, and the man refusing to play, the proprietor of the ground refused to give them the farthing of the gate money, but intends giving it to the Leeds Genoa Club.

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100 yards, the man to have five yards start. The stake, £25 a side, to start by pistol. The pistol was the favourite at 6 to 4. When the pistol was first the party started to imitate a mouse, and the party to follow. However, R. Cornack, the rider, caused it to move when the heavy mountain had got about 10 yards on his way, and kept the lead, finishing about four yards first.

HANSON AND SENIOR.—These Dewbury men have now received 50s. a side with Mr. Woolfoot, the stakeholder and referee, for their 100 yards race, for £25 a side which is to be run on the grounds on Saturday, September 30. **FORBES AND MILLERSON'S** 150 YARDS HANDICAP.—The deciding heat of this handicap was run at the White Horse Race Grounds on Saturday evening, when very few people, the exception of the men who had to run and their immediate partisans. The final heats were won by J. Sedgen, Leeds, 20; George Batley, 18; and J. B. Tomlinson, who was running the deciding heat in the order placed.

WOODROW, OR BOWLING. has forfeited the money down for the six-score yards race between him and F. Peel, of Bradford, who has been given for £10 a side, and run at St. Thomas's Ground, Stanning, Sept. 16.

DIXON AND WHITING.—These men have now decided to run their 120 yards race, for £10 a side, at the Victoria Race Grounds this day, Saturday, Sept. 9, and have staked all deposits due with Mr. Woolfoot, the stakeholder and referee.

WANTED FLATS.

THURSDAY.—RICHARDSON AND HARLEY.—The one hundred yards splan between George Richardson, of Stratford, Essex, and Young Harley, of Bethnal Green, for £10 a side—agreed to stand over, by mutual consent, from Monday afternoon—took place on Thursday morning, before the mid-day traffic could be interrupted thereby. The parties have apparently run before on two different occasions, at the very same distance, each scoring a win. This was, therefore, a deciding point, and the referee and the stakeholder, who were both betting was strictly even. The favourite, after a little delay, got off in advance, but was reached in ninety yards, nearly passed, and victory was declared in favour of Harley by three-quarters of an inch.

CHESTER.

On Saturday last, August 30, about 800 persons assembled on the Rodeo to witness a foot race, for £25 a side, between John Reed, of Baiton, and Robert Jukes, of Chester, the distance being a quarter of a mile. Jukes had an advantage of about half a mile, and the race was a very close one, but Jukes, who was 800 yards, when Reed challenged for the lead, which he maintained, and won easily by about twelve yards. Time, 59 seconds. The race was brought to the mark in five minutes and ten seconds. Referee, Mr. J. Jones. Stakeholder, Mr. Willey, of the Robin Hood, Castle-street, Chester.

LIVERPOOL.

STRAWBERRY GROUNDS.—The weather on Saturday last was very suitable for outdoor amusements, and had the effect of bringing together a fair muster of the followers of pedestrianism at the Strawberry Grounds, to witness the first heat of the handicap announced for the benefit of H. Smalley, of Birmingham. The first decision was for a silver cup, for a silver cup, and which obtained an entry of about twenty-eight rising walkers, who were divided into four heats. The first heat was won by J. Derby, 11 min, after a good race with W. M. Lauchter, 12 min, second; T. Chances, 13 min, third; Thomas Storey, 14 min, John Mulligan, 15 min, second. This was well-contested for about one mile, when Mulligan, seeing he had no chance of overtaking Derby, gave up the contest, and the latter won his laurels.

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R. STYLES will run G. Porch, of the Marlins, any distance, and for what sum he likes up to £10 a side. A match can be made by calling at the Marlins, on every day, any distance, or he will run any soldier in the garrison 80 yards, for his own sum.

GEORGE TERRY, of Ryde, will run Jon Netten, the Isle of Wight Champion, 100 to 120 yards, for £5 or £10 a side, and will be at Mr. Munden's, the Round House, Esplanade, Ryde, on Saturday night, prepared to make a match.

THOMAS'S NOTICE has left Ryde with a contemporary to walk E. Newland, of Russell-square, two miles, level, for £5 a side, and if Newland will cover and appoint a place to meet and draw up articles a match will be entered by calling at the King's Arms, Lower Thames-street.

JAMES CLARK, of Glasgow (a wood-legged man), will walk any other wood-legged man one or two miles, level, for £25 or £30 a side, in six or eight weeks from signing articles. Articles to Clark, at Dick's, Anchor Tavern, Argyll-street, will ensure a match.

LANCEWILL will run 120 yards, and give him five yards' start, or he shall have ten yards in 440; or he will run A. Jolly 40 yards, over eight hurdles or flat, just which he likes. Either match for £25 a side. A match can be made at Shakespeare's, or might be made at Mr. Munden's.

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EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

Messrs. Southgate and Co., of Fleet-street, are bringing to the hammer the valuable library of the late Rev. E. O. Smith, rector of Holport, Beds.

Mr. A. J. B. Beresford-Hop's portrait—a photograph, *carte de visite* size—of the late Rev. E. O. Smith, rector of Holport, published by Messrs. Bennett of Bishopgate-street.

The issue of Mr. Hardwicke's Shilling "House of Commons," 2,000, was exhausted in three days, and a new edition will be out in the course of this week.

Mr. J. M. Tupper, in writing to a contemporary, thanks *Punch* and *Fun* for their constant *situation*! How can a poet condescend to so vulgar a pun!

Mr. J. P. Collier states that he has "made a singular discovery regarding one of the most important problems imputed to Chaucer, and which has puzzled his scholars, and that he shall avail himself of it "in due time and place."

The *Athenaeum* states that the Exhibition of the Royal Academy just closed has proved to be the most successful of all in a financial point of view. It recouped itself by the sale of £13,000.

The Royal Society is busy on a work which will be invaluable to the literary and scientific world—it is no less than an index to, or catalogue of, all the in moirs scattered up and down through the various journals, transactions, and reports of learned societies, both at home and abroad, from 1800 down to the present time.

Mr. Nimmo is bringing out the "Works of Burns" as a companion volume to the "Globe Shakespeare."

The Empress of the French has completed her restoration of the Castle of Pierrefonds, near Compiègne, the ruins of the castle having been the property of the State ever since the time of Napoleon the Great, who bought them in 1813. The castle is associated with the names of the "Regent" Duke of Bedford, Henry IV., and Richelieu.

A club for the encouragement of microscopic science, entitled the Quacknet Club, has been established under the presidency of Dr. Lankester.

The Council of the Institute of Civil Engineers have just awarded a Telford medal, and a Telford premium, in books, to Mr. J. W. Barstow, for his paper, "On the Metropolitan Sanitary System of Drainage and the Interception of Sewage from the River Thames."

Dr. Joseph Sharpe has resigned the Professorship of Jurisprudence in University College, London; his successor will be appointed in November.

The British Museum will be closed to visitors from the 1st to the 8th of this month.

The Prince of Wales has given two scholarships to be competed for at the Royal School of Mines, Jersey-street.

A monument erected in the crypt of St. Paul's to the late Sir Duncan Macdonald, by Mr. G. F. Adams, sculptor, was "uncovered" on Friday, in the presence of a large circle of that gallant officer's friends and relatives.

The new *Literary Gazette*, having issued seven numbers, has ceased to exist.

An American house has published the "Farrington" edition of Tennyson, including two poems that have never appeared in this country.

Mr. Barnum is busy on his autobiography.

The "White Hart," close to the old Tabard Inn, in Southwark, an inn mentioned by Shakespeare in "King Henry VI.," and the scene of Sam. Weller's introduction to Mr. Pickwick, has just been demolished.

A writer in the "All Year Round" publishes an earnest appeal to anti-slavery men, to rescue the old "Tabard," which, it appears, is likely to save the same fate in a year or two. We have saved Shakespeare's house at Stratford: why should we not rescue Chaucer's house in Southwark?

Messrs. Smith, Elder, and Co. have purchased the entire copyrights of the late Mr. W. M. Thackeray, and also those of such novels of Mr. Wilkie Collins as were not published by themselves.

Mr. John Cassell's will has just been proved under £25,000. He leaves a wife and six children, and an annuity of £100 to his daughter, to be paid to her for life, and an annuity to increase from £100 to £300. Pretty well for a man who twenty years ago was earning his livelihood as a travelling tinplate lecturer.

Professor Gange is engaged on a work upon the Cattle Disease, which will be published in a day or two by Messrs. Hardwicke.

Mr. George Meredith has at press another novel in three volumes, entitled "Rhode Fleeting."

General Sir George Browne died at Linkwood, near Elgin, on Sunday last, aged 81. He was a distinguished soldier, and at the time of the Light Division of the English army in the Crimea.

The same day died Hon. Judge Halburton, at his residence, Gordon House, Isleworth. This well-known writer was born in British North America, and at the time of his decease was sixty-eight years of age. He was best known by his literary name of "Sam Slick."

Commander Karake, who recently died at Clifton, aged seventy-nine, was with Sumatraz in the *Algeiras* action, and on board the *Victory* at Trafalgar, for which latter service he obtained his lieutenantancy.

Her Majesty's autumnal trip to Balmoral was most likely take place between the 11th and 18th of September.

Some 130,000 persons visited the Horticultural Gardens at Kensington, to witness the opening of the new conservatory on Saturday, in commemoration of the Prince Consort's birthday.

Mr. Joseph Allen, surgeon, writes to the *Norfolk News* "that Father Ignatius is too ill to undertake any work for some time, and that he will be unable to do so entirely in the future, and he has discontinued the service in the chapel and church mission work."

One of the large omnibuses belonging to Over Darwin and Blackburn, carrying 50 persons inside and out, broke down on Saturday night, injuring more or less most of the passengers, several, who were taken to hospital, having their limbs broken, and four are lying at the infirmary in a precarious condition.

Mr. Walcott, M.P., and the Hon. G. Denman, the rival candidates at Liverpool, are on a visit to Mr. J. H. Amory, of that borough, at his seat in the Highlands.

It is proposed to form a public park at Crediton in memory of the late Mr. Butler, M.P. for North Devon.

On the 11th proximo there is to be a grand inauguration of the statue to Dr. Jenner at Bolognec.

Mr. J. W. Lygon will use the whip in the case of the Conservative party, in the place of Mr. Whitmore, who has lost his seat.

It is confidently asserted that Mr. S. Laing, M.P., will join the Government prior to the meeting of Parliament.

The marriage of Lord Edward Pelham Clinton, second son of the late Duke of Newcastle, and M.P. for North Nottinghamshire, to Miss Harrop, third daughter of the late Sir William Edmund and Lady Oradock Harrop, took place at St. George's, Hanover-square, last Tuesday.

Mr. Joseph Dudgeon, a Free Church preacher at Dalbeattie, and a married man, having been accused of the seduction of his servant girl by her sister (who he strenuously denied), was shortly afterwards discovered kneeling against a chair and quite dead. It was proved by a *post mortem* examination that he died from excitement operating on a weak heart.

Mr. Cosmah, of the Isle of Man, a man of considerable property, destroyed himself by jumping out of a tavern window on Tuesday, last night. He had for some time shown signs of insanity.

Mr. N. Pelle, iron ship-builder at Newcastle, poisoned himself with prussic acid last week. He had been in a depressed state of mind for two years.

Mary Higgins, a servant out of place, having been struck by her sweetest, drowned herself in revenge at Faddington, the police refusing to take her lover into custody.

James Johnson, aged 42, a domestic servant, was received into Shorefield Workhouse a few days since in a state of utter destitution, and died the following morning. The poor thing stated that she had not slept on a bed for nine months, and had passed the two previous nights in a water-closet, such was her dread of applying to the parish.

A man is at present exhibiting himself in London, "with three legs and other superfluities."

Baron Bismarck's dialogue with the quaker has already been translated into almost all the French papers.

First mile	6.40
Second mile	6.45
Third mile	6.51
Fourth mile	6.54
Fifth mile	6.58
Six miles	27.00

METCALF AND ROBERTS.—These men have staked the whole of the money (£100) for their mile race at Brompton on Monday next.

WHITMAN AND JACKSON.—A match has been made between J. Whitman, of Pinlton, and A. Jackson, of Lambeth, to run 120 yards, for £25 a side, at Brompton, on September 10.

YOUNG EMMETT, of the Haymarket, and E. Johnson, of Pinlton, are matched to run 100 yards, for £25 a side, at Brompton, on Monday, September 25.

